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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, AL-HAMAD, SADAT, ASSAD VISITS TO KUWAIT WERE PRIMARILY FOR BILATERAL TALKS TO COORDINATE FUTURE PLANS. SADAT LATER BRIEFED KUWAITIS ON ME SIT. GOK IS ACTIVE IN TRYING TO BRING PALESTINIANS TOGETHER TO PLAY ROLE IN ME PEACE TALKS, BUT IS NOT PROPOSING ANY PARTICULAR POSITION. AL-HAMAD SAID ARAB STATES (EXCEPT IRAQ) HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON SUMMIT AS PROPOSED BY BOUMIEDIENNE, BUT ACTION BEING HELD UP UNTIL SECRETARY/SADAT TALKS COMPLETED IN CAIRO. AL-HAMAD SEEMS CONVINCED SINCERITY US PEACE EFFORTS. END SUMMARY
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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DCM NOV 7, DIRECTOR FONMIN POLITICAL DEPT ISSA AL-HAMAD TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. PRESIDENTS SADAT AND ASSAD ESSENTIALLY CAME TO KUWAIT NPGV 1 FOR BILATERAL MEETING FOLLOWING CEASEFIRE, SINCE KUWAIT PROVIDED SAFE AND RELATIVELY CONVENIENT MEETING PLACE. (EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT TALKS TOUCHED ON EGYPTIAN ESTIMATES THAT FIGHTING MIGHT WELL BREAK OUT AGAIN AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR ALL ARAB STATES TO STAND FAST BEHIND ARAB CAUSE, WITH ALL FORCES AND ASSETS IN THEIR POWER FULLY EMPLOYED.) FOLLOWING ASSAD'S DEPARTURE, SADAT GAVE AMIR AND OTHER GOK REPS FULL BRIEFING ON CEASEFIRE SITUATION, PROBLEMS, ETC.

3. RE PALESTINIAN ROLE IN PEACE TALKS, AL-HAMAD SAID GOK HAD BEEN HAVING TALKS WITH VARIOUS GROUPS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO TAKE UNIFIED POSITION AND BE IN POSITION TO PLAY ROLE IN UPCOMING PEACE TALKS. AL-HAMAD AGREED PALESTINIANS BADLY SPLIT, BUT FELT ENCOURAGED THAT AT LEAST SOME IN FATAH WERE WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF PLAYING A ROLE, WHEREAS THEY HAD FLATLY REFUSED CONSIDER THIS IN PAST. GOK PERSUASION APPARENTLY BASED ON IDEA THAT IF EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN MAKE FINAL AGREEMENT RE TERRITORY WITHOUT PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION, PALESTINIANS WILL BE OUT IN COLD. AL-HAMAD SAID GOK NOT RPT NOT PUSHING ANY PARTICULAR POSITION FOR PALS BUT MERELY TRYING TO GET THEM TOGETHER.

4. AL-HAMAD SAID MOROCCAN SUGGESTION FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING NO LONGER UNDER CONSIDERATION SINCE PROPOSAL FOR ARAB SUMMIT MADE BY ALGERIANS. HE SAID THIS WAS PRIMARY CONCERN OF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE WHEN HE VISITED KUWAIT ON NOV 5. BOUMEDIENNE SAID ALGERIA WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST SUMMIT MEETING, BUT IT WAS NECESSARY THAT MEETING BE WELL PREPARED BEFOREHAND SO THAT ALL PARTICIPATING STATES KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT OUTCOME IS EXPECTED. PLANS INCLUDE AGREED AGENDA AND FONMIN MEETING IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SUMMIT. ALGERIANS, KUWAITIS AND APPARENTLY SOME OTHERS WANT TO AVOID LONG-WINDED MEETINGS THAT DO NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, OR END WITH UNHELPFUL RESULTS. DCM POINTED OUT THAT SUMMIT AT THIS POINT COULD BE MOST UNHELPFUL BY FREEZING ARAB POSITION ON VARIOUS POINTS WHEN FLEXIBILITY WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT TO REACHING ANY SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION IN PEACE TALKS. AL-HAMAD SEEMED TO AGREE AND SAID
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THAT ALTHOUGH SADAT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUMMIT MEETING, PLANS WERE SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CAIRO. AL-HAMAD SAID ALL OTHER ARAB STATES WHO MIGHT ATTEND SUMMIT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, EXCEPT IRAQ. IRAQ HAD TURNED DOWN PROPOSED FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, AND MIGHT ALSO NOT RPT NOT ATTEND SUMMIT IF IT IS HELD.

5. COMMENT: AL-HAMAD WAS OBVIOUSLY STILL OF OPINION HE EXPRESSED

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REFTEL, I.E. THAT KUWAIT IS LOOKING TO USG TO "DO SOMETHING"
TO GET ME PEACE MOVES GOING. HE SAID SADAT BELIEVES USG IS REALLY
MAKING EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT PEACE, AND WAS PLEASED WITH MEETINGS
FONMIN FAHMI HELD WITH SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON; HE IMPLIED GOK
AGREES ON USG SINCERITY.
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